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Chairman Edith Prague, Chairman Kevin Ryan, Ranking Member Anthony Guglielmo, Ranking Member Selim Noujaim and other distinguished Members of the Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of ***HB 5180, An Act Concerning Out of State Employment of Connecticut Minors.***

Many Connecticut residents live in close proximity to other state lines and have opportunities to work across our state borders. However, a constituent has informed me current Connecticut statutes hinder minors seeking out of state employment.

Under current general statutes, the State Board of Education establishes procedure for the superintendent of schools to furnish any employer a certification of age for any minor. This certificate is crucial because employers require this from minor employees. Currently, these certificates are restricted to in-state jobs.

HB 5180 amends the general statutes to include out of state employers and requires superintendent of schools or their designee to furnish certification of age to in-state and out of state employers. Connecticut minor should not be hindered in their effort for employment, and this proposal remedies this issue by expanding the procedure for furnishing employers certificates of age.

This change in statutes is especially important in this historical time of job losses when families may require everyone of working age to work, and minors must have the ability to access jobs whenever they are available.

Sincerely,

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